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SUBJ: OPERATION MOHEIN III - MORE SEIZURES REPORTED

REF: RANGOON 1904

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL AND THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, OPERATION MOHEIN III HAD ALREADY ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS AS OF JUNE 30, WHEN THE MILITARY ATTACHE CORPS WAS TAKEN TO THE SCENE OF THE OPERATION TO VIEW THE RESULTS. AT THAT TIME, FIVE REFINERIES HAD BEEN DESTROYED, AND 55 KILOS OF MORPHINE BASE, A LARGE QUANTITY OF CHEMICALS, AND SOME WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AND OTHER SUPPLIES HAD BEEN SEIZED.

2. THE BURMESE PRESS REPORTED ON JULY 6 THE DISCOVERY OF A SIXTH REFINERY, IN THE SAME AREA, DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 30. AT THIS SITE, THE BURMA ARMY TROOPS FOUND TWO 44-GALLON BARRELS CONTAINING "HEAVY OPOUM SOLUTION" AND ONE
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44-GALLON BARREL OF "LOW QUALITY HEROIN." (THESE TERMS APPARENTLY REFER TO OPIUM IN VARIOUS STAGES OF THE REFINING PROCESS.) CONTINUING THEIR SEARCH OF THE SITE, ON JULY 1, THE TROOPS UNEARTHED TWELVE 44-GALLON BARRELS OF "HEAVY OPIUM SOLUTION" WHICH HAD BEEN BURIED BY THE TRAFFICKERS. THEY ALSO SEIZED MORE CHEMICALS AND REFINING EQUIPMENT AT THIS SITE.

3. BURMESE OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED TO US PRIVATELY
THE GENERAL ACCURACY OF THE JULY 6 PRESS ACCOUNT.

4. THE OPERATION IS STILL CONTINUING. WE WILL ATTEMPT
TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND WILL DO AN OVERALL WRAP-UP
REPORT ON THE OPERATION AFTER ITS CONCLUSION.

5. COMMENT: WHETHER OR NOT ADDITIONAL REFINERIES AND
NARCOTICS ARE FOUND, MOHEIN III HAS ALREADY SUCCEEDED IN
DESTROYING ONE OF THE LARGEST IF NOT THE LARGEST NARCOTICS
REFINING COMPLEXES IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE. THE DISCOVERY
OF THE SIXTH REFINERY, IN PARTICULAR, POINTS UP THE IMPORTANCE
OF A SUSTAINED BURMESE MILITARY OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE
TO FOLLOW UP ON THE INITIAL ATTACKS AGAINST BORDER-AREA
TRAFFICKING INSTALLATIONS.
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